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To play

Join a Twister-style game on a 40-foot-long mat and sample some wine (but not while you're playing!) from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday at The Plaza at Park Grill in Millennium Park (11 N. Michigan Ave.). Ages 21 and older only.

To pucker

Hey, ladies! Submit a photo of your best pouty face to softlips.com by the end of the year for a chance to win \$2,500 from the Softlips Picture Perfect Lips Search.

To snack

Celebrate National Hot Dog Month by chowing down on \$1 dogs served on a baguette with mustard at Brasserie Jo (59 W. Hubbard St.) from 5-7 p.m. each day through July.

The knives come out!

Last week, RedEye kicked off its first-ever Virtual Kitchen Stadium. In Battle Cherry, Joey and Joelen were victorious. They will meet in Week 3 for Battle of the Joes. Who will join them?

This week, meet the next batch of cooks battling for virtual cook-off prowess. Watch the culinary madness unfold by following us at [@redeyemunchtime](https://twitter.com/redeyemunchtime) on Twitter, where we will be tweeting out the week's secret ingredient Tuesday and our contestants—who are all from Chicago—will be throwing down and engaging in some Twitter trash talk.

Also check out our blog at redeyechicago.com/munchtime to see what they cook up and vote for your favorite dish.

Winners will be named Thursday.

Meet this week's contestants, who answer the question, "Why did you want to participate in this virtual cook-off?"



Titus Ruscitti
blogs at chibbqking.blogspot.com

"To compete for fun."



Eddie Lakin
blogs at cookingandeatinginchicago.blogspot.com

"Inexplicably, The Food Network has not asked me to appear on Iron Chef yet, so this seemed like the next best thing. Take note, Iron Chef Flay!"



Jenn Hays
creates menus for United Center; find her on Twitter at [@gracepastry](https://twitter.com/gracepastry)

"I love to cook and I also love a good challenge, so when I read about the cook-off in the RedEye on the way to work one morning, I knew I had to 'try out.'"



Jason Bailin
self-published "Get in the Kitchen, BIT@HES!"

"Because I wanted to be recognized on the streets of Chicago."



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TODAY'S FORECAST

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DEADLY TOLL

ONE WEEKEND, ONE REALITY: 11 DEATHS, DOZENS OF INJURIES

Chicago Tribune

For too many Chicago residents, the pop of gunfire blended in with 4th of July fireworks this weekend, rocking neighborhoods across the city.

By early Monday morning, violence in Chicago had claimed 11 lives and left dozens injured, making it among the city's deadliest weekends in recent years.

Some of the slayings appeared to be gang-related; others could be the result of domestic squabbles. Police declined to comment on the weekend's rash of shootings, saying they wanted to wait until the monthly meeting on updated crime statistics. But current statistics indicate homicides still are down this year compared to last year. As of midnight Monday, there were 210 homicides in the city, compared with 238 a year ago, records show.

But people who live in these neighborhoods either blamed the violence on too many guns on the street or gang warfare. Some suggested that police this weekend may have focused too much of their manpower at the city's Taste of Chicago.

James Smith, 24, suggested that the city's neighborhoods may have paid the price for extra security downtown. Officers who normally patrol 47th Street near Forrestville Avenue in Bronzeville, a mix of boarded-up and new shops, had disappeared during the Taste this year, he said.

"They all left," he said as he hung outside the corner store where Dominic Barnes, 21, was shot and killed Sunday morning. "You didn't see no police. After the shooting, cops



Darien King, 8, was shot in the arm Saturday. King was wounded after someone shot a gun into a crowd of people in the 5700 block of South Union Avenue. CARLOS JAVIER ORTIZ FOR TRIBUNE

KEEPING TRACK
RedEye tracks Chicago's homicides at redye.chicago.com/homicides.

came back here."

Residents said some of the shootings this weekend whizzed dangerously close to schools, parks and churches—places where children gather and play.

The bloody bandage on the right arm of 8-year-old Darien King was the result of a man

who allegedly fired shots into the crowd at a neighborhood block party in Englewood on Saturday night.

The soon-to-be 3rd grader was playing tag with his uncle near 57th Street and Union Avenue when the shots rang out. His uncle yelled for him to get down and tried to shield him with his body, but one of the bullets caught the boy just above the elbow.

"I thought they were firecrackers," Darien said Monday. "I didn't feel it. My hand just starting shaking."



One of the articulated hybrid buses purchased with federal stimulus funds. ALEX GARCIA/TRIBUNE

CTA shows off new hybrid bus

Chicago Tribune

And now for today's big bus news. The CTA on Monday trotted out the first of 58 new articulated hybrid buses purchased with federal economic stimulus funds.

All 58 of the New Flyers buses are scheduled to arrive by the fall, increasing the fleet of articulated hybrid buses to 208 vehicles and helping to save the CTA more than \$7 million annually in fuel and maintenance costs, officials said.

The New Flyers are equipped with electrical outlets enabling the batteries on the buses to be charged to operate the auxiliary heater and circulate coolant through the engine block during overnight storage in cold weather. The technology eliminates the need to keep buses idling when they are not in use, officials said.

The CTA is expected to receive \$241 million in stimulus funds. About \$50 million is being used for the New Flyers.

The transit agency also is using stimulus grants to rehab older buses and rail cars and to replace old track on the Blue Line's Dearborn Street subway.

REDEYE'S MONOLOGUE

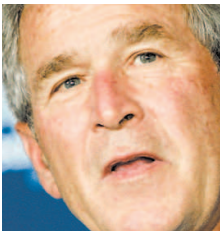
Joke's on us

Ever wonder where all those great jokes on the late night talk shows come from? Turns out, many are from freelance writers. So RedEye's taking a page from that book, playing off the day's news in our own monologue. Think of RedEye as Jimmy Fallon, but funnier. Got an idea for us? Send it via Twitter at [@redyechicago](https://twitter.com/redyechicago) and on Facebook at facebook.com/redyechicago. SCOTT KLEINBERG, REDEYE, AP CONTRIBUTED.



AWKWARD!: South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford spent the holiday weekend in Florida with his wife and sons. It was a lesson in compromise, though—Sanford wasn't allowed to go hiking but was allowed to keep his BlackBerry as long as he didn't text anyone in Argentina.

HEALTH JOLT: Could caffeine be a remedy to Alzheimer's? If an early study on mice is any indication, maybe. Meanwhile, mice fed copious amounts of scones and breakfast sandwiches got fat, disappointing fat people everywhere.



ON VACAY: Apparently, President Obama's first vacation since taking office will be to Martha's Vineyard.

Upon hearing the news, former President George W. Bush expressed disappointment that this is the first he's hearing of Martha and her vineyard and said he would have traded her time at his ranch for a free trip.

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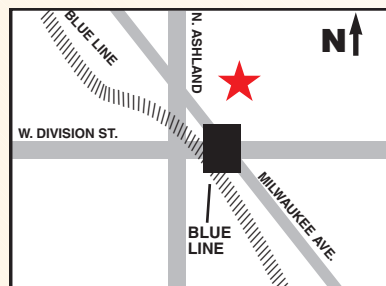
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RIDER'S BLOCK

My pledge to ride every CTA bus line continues. I rode the No. 20-Madison bus this week and boiled my review down to 140 characters, the size of a Twitter tweet. Check out photos from the ride and past bus rides at redeyechicago.com/busride.

» Austin area to Millennium Park in 53 mins. Can't decide btwn sports or church on Sun.? Do both. Stops by United Center and many churches. Next up: No. 74-Fullerton.

KEEP UP WITH TRACY

Check out the new "Going Public" blog on the Chicago Now site: redeyechicago.com/goingpublic. You can send Tracy questions via Twitter (@tracyswartz) or Facebook ([facebook.com/tracyswartz](https://www.facebook.com/tracyswartz)).

Track attack: Living by the 'L'

Call him the rail man of genius. After living in two apartments that have each overlooked an "L" line, Tom Sherman said he has trained his brain to ignore the noisy trains that zoom by his home every day.

Sherman, 27, has lived by the Brown Line, in between the Montrose and Irving Park stops, for 3½ years. He previously lived near the Foster stop on the Purple Line. The first three days in each home were the hardest, he said.

"The trains really go fast, and it's loud," said Sherman, of North Center. "No one can question your street cred if you say you live next to the 'L.'"

Indeed, in "Public Enemies," Billie Frechette (played by Marion Cotillard) elevated her hip factor not by being John Dillinger's girlfriend but for living in an apartment next to the "L." In one scene, Cotillard turns up the radio as the train rumbles by her apartment.

Cotillard made living near the "L" seem romantic—she used the apartment as a hideout while the police hunted Dillinger. In reality, though, living by the "L" can seem jarring. Every screech and accompanying rattle begs the question: Why did I move here? Yet Chicagoans who have lived near elevated tracks say they have learned to live with the noise and privacy issues. Plus, an "L"-side apartment provides easy CTA access and can cost less than an apartment farther from the tracks in the same area.

Eric Rojas, a Realtor with Rubloff Residential Properties in Lincoln Park, said homebuyers and renters typically look for a place about four blocks from the train. A place located *this close* to the "L" typically costs about 20 percent less than a home that's a few blocks away, he said.

"A renter's more inclined to do it, but a buyer's tough," Rojas said. "It really comes down to price."

Rojas said people who buy or rent "L"-side homes usually are "city people" (lifelong Chicagoans used to the noise) or new Chicagoans so anxious to live in a particular neighborhood they're willing to sacrifice.

Light sleepers also need not apply, Sherman said. Nor should those with noise-sensitive significant others.

Deborah Beckwin of Rogers Park said she's been able to withstand living near the Red Line between the Morse and Loyola stops for more than a year. She likened the commotion to "someone with really loud speakers driving by."

"I think this is probably a happy medium. I really wouldn't want it to be where I'm on the phone and I have to wait for the train to pass me by, or have my sleep affected," said Beckwin, 31. "It kind of reminds me I do live in the city."

TALK TO US

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REDEYE ON THE SPOT

RedEye asked riders at the 95th/Dan Ryan Red Line stop: Would you rather have more bus/train service on the South Side or better buses, trains and stations? Here's what some of them said.
MELANIE KUCERA, REDEYE

"[More] service, because at the time of night when I get off work at 2 a.m., there are no routes to take me home. For as much money as we are paying, they should provide better service. Sure, I do fear for my safety."

—Loretta Hayes, 50, Roseland



"More service, because some of them are late and people miss their stops. I just missed mine and I have been waiting a long time. I have a busy day, and I could be taking care of other things."

—Cedrena Banks, 20, South Side



"Better buses and trains, because the seating arrangements are bad and they have junk everywhere. They need better service. It is not safe either, and they need more security [at 95th Street]. They need to make the buses bigger too. For \$2 a ride, it's too expensive to not have a seat."

—Shenell Moore, 30, Roseland

"Both. They are never punctual, especially in the wintertime. I find myself constantly waiting."

—Tongalene Miller, 24, South Side



SOUTH SIDERS PUSH NEW TRANSIT LINE, BUT FACE ROADBLOCKS

Chicago Tribune

Transit riders already have a choice of Red, Green, Blue, Brown, Orange, Yellow, Pink and Purple Lines, but a coalition of South Side activists also would like commuters to go for the Gold.

Underserved by rapid transit, residents there would benefit from a proposed "Gold Line," an innovative hybrid of both Metra and the CTA, according to Southsiders Organized for Unity and Liberation, or SOUL.

With the city bidding for the 2016 Games, the line also would serve key Olympic venues, say SOUL members, who represent more than 20 churches and community organizations.

"The project would help support the needs of thousands of people on the South Side," said Dhyia Thompson, co-chair of the group's Gold Line Task Force.

Although the Olympics served as inspiration, the real goal is better access to jobs—espe-

cially downtown and in the suburbs—as well as improved transportation options, supporters say. Parts of the South Side, particularly neighborhoods close to the lakefront and south of Jackson Park, are among the city's most densely populated and the most in need of additional rapid transit, SOUL believes.

Under the group's Gold Line plan, more frequent trains would be provided on the Metra Electric District Line. The plan also calls for allowing transfers between Metra trains and CTA buses and adding a new station at 35th Street.

The proposal faces a number of obstacles. These include securing funding, overcoming a historic lack of cooperation between Metra and the CTA and even proving the line is needed.

SOUL estimates that implementing the Gold Line would cost \$159 million. This would pay for adding 26 Electric District Highliner cars for \$91 million as well as for new tracks, station

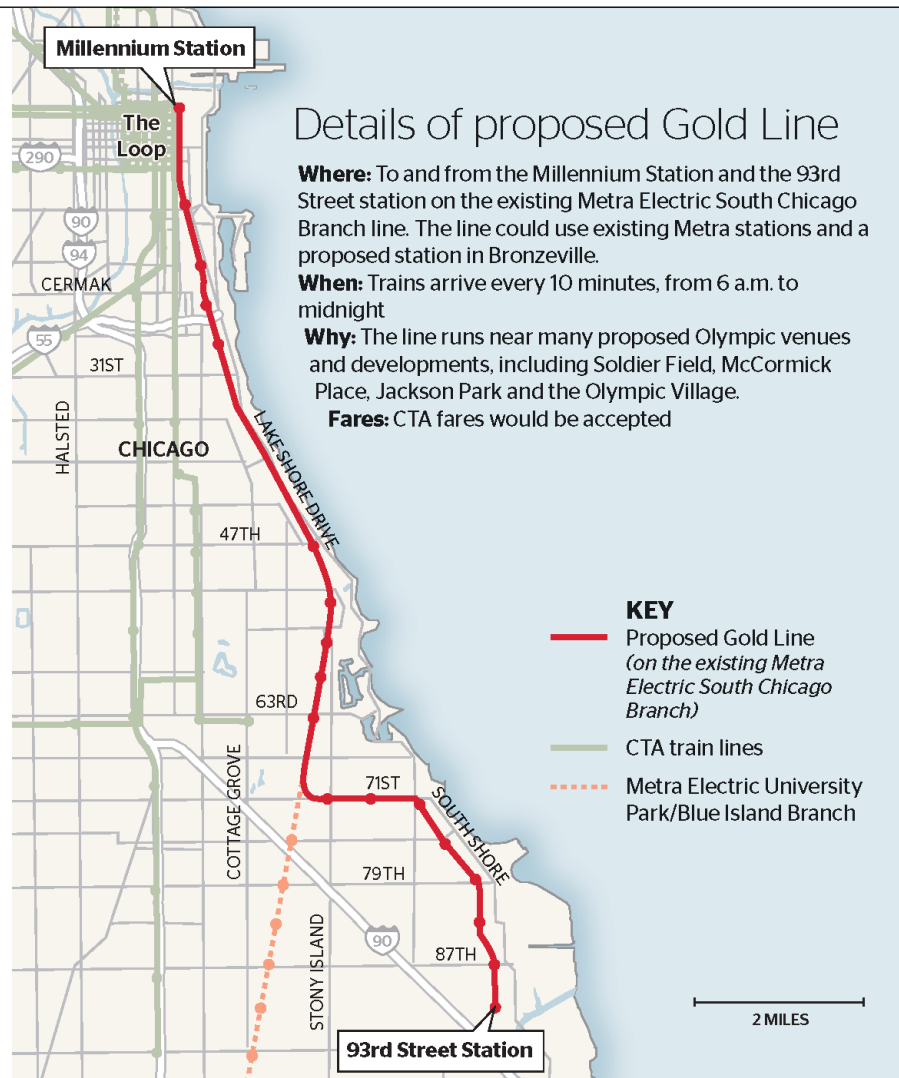
upgrades and fare equipment.

But funding for big-ticket mass transit projects is already scarce to non-existent, experts say. The Regional Transportation Authority has lobbied vigorously for a \$10 billion, five-year capital plan to maintain and expand transit systems, but the legislature this spring came up with a "status quo" \$2.7 billion capital package.

But the bulk of the money for the Gold Line or any major capital project would have to come from the federal government.

Metra and the CTA already have projects in the planning stages that those agencies say would help the underserved Southeast Side and south suburbs and would bolster public transportation for the Olympic venues. One project, Metra's proposed SouthEast Service Line, would extend commuter rail service through the city on existing Union Pacific/CSX railroad tracks to 20 suburbs in South Cook and Will Counties. A preliminary estimate

Passengers wait for their train at the Metra Randolph Street Station.
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Payne created and has promoted for years. The concept received little traction from the CTA and Metra. The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning has included it on a list of long-range projects, but the Gray Line plan isn't considered a high priority, a spokesman said.

SOUL has lined up support from community organizations, several aldermen and state legislators.

Rep. Danny Davis (D-Ill.) has agreed to seek \$995,000 in federal money to fund a Gold Line study.

Members of SOUL have met with transit agencies and the Chicago Department of Transportation. The RTA urged the group later this year to apply for funding to evaluate the need for the project, said RTA Executive Director Steve Schlickman.

"We will look at what the SOUL people

are advocating and assess the value of all the options and see what makes sense," Schlickman said. But the Gold Line will have to compete with other projects for money, he said.

SOUL also has pitched the plan with Chicago's Olympics organizing committee. "We got involved originally because we were looking for a transportation idea around the Olympics," said Linda Thisted, chair of the SOUL task force. "We wondered what could benefit the South Side long-term and the Olympics."

Even without the Olympics, SOUL believes the Gold Line would be worthwhile, Thisted said, adding the group is prepared for the long haul.

"We're just kind of plugging along," she said. "Nothing in transit goes very fast. These things can take years."

Twitter chiefs

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We gave RedEye's Twitter followers the opportunity of a lifetime. We appointed them CTA chief for one day and asked them what they would do with such enormous power. Here are some of the replies. Get on board with RedEye and Twitter at twitter.com/redeyechicago.

@XR2Events Threaten another doomsday of service cuts and fare hikes if I am not delivered a lifetime supply of BerryChill immediately

@sldownard Power-wash the Division blue line stop. (And hope that the grime isn't actually holding the concrete together.)

@mikethebig1 cones of silence to drown out ipods and obnoxious people.

@cmfortnumb I would immediately play Madonna through all the speakers, on every line.

@mikeabdul Let the public take control of the trains. Then they race. Winner gets all you can eat at the Taste.

@heyDarren as CTA Chief for one day I will buy back the Chicago Parking Meters and use the \$6 per hour funds to balance the budget!

@Jrrtubbs Two words: Flying transit!

@ronlarc Quit

Getting there, Olympic style

How can you go for the gold? "Going Public" traveled to Washington Park, proposed site of the Olympic Aquatics Center, and the proposed site of the Lincoln Park Tennis Center to compare the CTA accessibility of the South Side spot vs. the North Side spot. Which was easily accessible and which wasn't? TRACYSWARTZ, REDEYE

Lincoln Park Tennis Center

Planned location: Near intersection of West Waveland Avenue and North Recreation Drive

Closest train stop: Addison (Red Line)—about a 15-minute walk

Nearby bus routes: Nos. 80-Irving Park, 135-Clarendon/LaSalle Express, 145-Wilson/Michigan Express, 146-Inner Drive/Michigan Express, 148-Clarendon/Michigan Express, 151-Sheridan, 152-Addison. (Buses stop between Irving Park Road and Addison Street.)



Olympic Aquatics Center

Planned location: Near the intersection of Bowen Drive and East 51st Street

Closest train stop: 51st Street (Green Line)—about a 10-minute walk

Nearby bus routes: No. 1-Indiana/Hyde Park, 2-Hyde Park Express, 3-King Drive, 4-Cottage Grove, 15-Jeffrey Local, 55-Garfield, 174-University of Chicago/Garfield Stations. (Buses stop between South King Drive and South Cottage Grove Avenue and/or 51st and 53rd Streets.)



MEDAL CEREMONY: Everybody's a winner! The Lincoln Park location has more options in terms of rail service because the Red Line easily connects with the Brown and Purple Lines. The Washington Park site is within walking distance to buses that travel north-south and east-west. Most of the buses near the proposed Lincoln Park site travel north-south.

puts the line's cost at more than \$524 million, but the figure is likely to be much higher.

Meanwhile, the CTA is looking at an extension of the Red Line that would connect the current terminus at 95th Street with 130th Street. Estimates for that project range from \$210 million to \$1.1 billion, depending on the specific route.

Gold Line supporters says a key component of their plan calls for permitting transfers between Metra and the CTA.

"If you take both Metra and the CTA to work, the problem is there's no transferability," Thompson said.

While the two agencies operate independently, the RTA has been working to implement a universal fare card that it hopes to start testing next year.

The Gold Line is similar to a Gray Line proposal, which transit advocate Mike

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1 **12 wounded at party**
As many as three gunmen stormed a birthday party on the edge of downtown Miami and opened fire early Monday, shooting 12 people and causing a chaotic scramble as people tried to flee, authorities said. **AP**

2 **Meatpacking blaze**
Fire crews battled a large blaze at a meatpacking plant in Cudahy, Wis., south of Milwaukee, on Monday. Authorities warned residents within a mile of the plant to leave the area because of the threat of toxic fumes.

GM ruling
A bankruptcy judge ruled Monday that General Motors can sell the bulk of its assets to a new company, potentially clearing the way for the automaker to quickly emerge from bankruptcy protection.

3 **Serial killer hunt**
The sheriff in Gaffney, S.C., says deputies are searching for the man they believe has killed five people in a week. Bill Blanton told ABC's "Good Morning America" on Monday that the three separate shootings are linked through evidence.

4 **China riots**
Chinese state media say 156 people have been killed in violent riots in the country's western Xinjiang region.

5 **Honduras tensions**
Honduras' interim government closed its main airport in Tegucigalpa to all flights on Monday after blocking the runway to prevent the return of ousted president Manuel Zelaya. Clashes with his supporters caused the first death in a week of protests.

6 **Quake march**
Survivors of central Italy's earthquake staged a torch-lit procession overnight in the ruined city of L'Aquila, where leaders from the Group of Eight industrialized nations will gather this week for a summit.

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7 Amount missing from an old wallet found inside a tree in New York City. The blue leather wallet had been stolen by a pick-pocket 27 years ago.

Obama meets Russian president

8 **MOSCOW** President Dmitry Medvedev says Russia and the U.S. must work closely together to stop the spread of nuclear weapons in volatile regions including the Middle East.

Medvedev said after talks Monday with President Obama that the world is getting more dangerous as more countries develop nuclear weapons.

His remarks seemed a nod to U.S. concerns about Iran's nuclear program, but Medvedev did not specifically mention Iran.

He said the world is changing for the worse with "the appearance of new nuclear players, many of which aren't even signed up to the nuclear club, but which either dream of it



President Obama (left) and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev. **GETTY IMAGES**

openly or are secretly preparing for it."
The U.S. wants Russia to use its ties with

Iran to press it to abandon nuclear activities that could lead to weapons development.

Obama and Medvedev agree there hasn't been as much progress as they'd like to see in the fight against insurgents in Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, Russia's First Lady Svetlana Medvedeva took Michelle Obama and her two daughters on a tour of the Kremlin, as well as the Kremlin's Winter Garden and the Cathedral of the Assumption.

Later, Obama and the first girls toured the Armory, which boasts a large collection of imperial regalia, and the State Diamond Fund, home to the 190-carat Orlov diamond and the world's largest sapphires.



Making a splash

9 Revelers jump into the sea followed by a bull during the "Bous a la mar" or "Bulls to the sea" festival in Denia, Spain. Meanwhile, in Pamplona, the famous running of the bulls has been muted by the economic downturn, officials say. **AP**

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CUBS DEAL CLOSER

SALE PROPOSAL SENT TO MLB FOR REVIEW, BUT DETAILS STILL TO BE WORKED OUT

Chicago Tribune

Tribune Co. took a significant step toward selling the Cubs to the Ricketts family, with the two sides sending documents describing a proposed deal to Major League Baseball for its review, several sources said Monday.

Some details of the deal still are being worked out, and sources on both sides expressed caution that nothing is final until a definitive agreement is signed. But they also indicated enough progress has been made to give MLB executives an advance read at what a deal would look like.

"We're just hopeful that the Tribune and the Ricketts family can finish the transaction, and we can move on with the next phase of our lives as we build on a new ownership group and, hopefully, win some baseball games," said Cubs Chairman Crane Kenney.

Since January the Rickettses and Tribune Co. have been negotiating a sale worth about \$900 million. But when talks appeared to stall in recent weeks, Tribune Co. renewed conversations with another buyer, raising questions about where the negotiations with the Ricketts family were headed.

Sending what one source described as "current draft agreements" related to a Cubs sale to MLB appears to put the family back in the driver's seat, though some sources familiar with the negotiations disagreed on whether to characterize the documents sent to MLB as a tentative sales agreement.

A spokesman for Tribune Co., which owns the Chicago Tribune and RedEye, said, "We continue an active dialogue with the Ricketts family with an eye toward reaching a definitive agreement. We don't intend to comment on the specifics of any potential transaction."

If a sale is finalized, the deal has to be approved by 75 percent of MLB's 30 owners.

A transaction also must pass muster with Tribune Co.'s creditors and a bankruptcy judge because the media company is operating under



THE TOM RICKETTS FILE

Represents family whose wealth is estimated by Forbes at \$2.6 billion.

Post: Chief executive of Incapital, a Chicago-based investment bank

Age: 43 **Residence:** Wilmette

Resume: Family patriarch J. Joe Ricketts became an online-stock-trading leader by founding the Ameritrade discount brokerage in Omaha. The bid's point person is son Tom Ricketts, who moved to Chicago in 1983 to attend college and lives in the suburbs. Two siblings, Laura Ricketts and Todd Ricketts, live in the Chicago area. The fourth, Pete Ricketts, lives in Omaha and ran for the U.S. Senate in 2006.

Chapter 11 protection.

A spokesman for Tom Ricketts, who is leading the family's bid, declined to comment.

The documents sent to baseball show how the Rickettses would finance the deal and the unusual capital structure the two sides have been negotiating. In the Cubs deal, sources said, a new partnership would be formed to own the assets Tribune Co. is unloading. Tribune Co. would retain about a 5 percent stake; the Rickettses would have the rest.

The objective would be to shelter Tribune Co. from several hundred-million dollars in capital gains taxes that would be generated by selling assets the company has held through decades of growth. Tribune Co. bought the team and the stadium for \$20.5 million in 1981 from the Wrigley family.



Deal or no deal?

Five months of negotiations appear to be nearing an end in the deal to sell the Cubs to the Ricketts family, but in this complicated transaction, nothing can be assumed. Some of the more recent developments cast doubt on the deal altogether.

May 6: Officials say the deal will not be complete in time for major-league owners to vote on it at their quarterly meeting May 20-21, as Sam Zell had told news outlets he expected.

May 19: Sources reveal that Tom Ricketts has met with celebrities in search of funding—at \$25 million apiece. Among the celebs approached: Bill Murray, Jim Belushi and John Cusack.

June: Unhappy with the grinding pace of the talks, Tribune Co. talks with another interested party who lost out to the Rickettses in the auction for the baseball team, according to two sources. That other bidder is reported to be a group led by Marc Utay, managing partner of a New York private-equity firm who grew up in Glenview.

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Mascot mania

By Soxman

It is the dawn of a new era on the North Side as the Cubbies close in a deal with the Ricketts family. Beyond a world championship, the Cubs have another immediate need: a mascot. Since I have experience in that area, here are my suggestions. Sorry, Ronnie Woo-Woo.

Ameritrade Man

Zero points for creativity, but this is perhaps the only way to save Wrigley Field from becoming Ameritrade Stadium.

Batboy

I've had suspicions about my "trusty" sidekick ever since I found that "Go, Cubs, Go" CD and "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" audition tape in his car. You can have him for Aramis Ramirez and a dozen hot wings.

Bleacher Babe

The object of every male Cub fan's affection, she's draped in red, white and blue and is the love child of Wonder Woman and Barney from "The Simpsons." Secret powers? Makes bad outfielders disappear, leaving you with Reed Johnson.

The Billy Goat

Time to get serious. You've asked Sam Sianis to remove the curse how many times? It may be the only way to truly reverse the curse. Besides, think of the cross-promotion? How cool would it be to hear vendors shouting "cheesebooger, cheesebooger"?

The World Series

Confusing? Yes. Copyrighted? Maybe. But, it immediately takes away the top verbal nuclear knockout blow of Sox fans who ask "How long has it been since there was a World Series on the North Side?" Plus, it's like a sugar substitute while you wait ... and wait ... and wait ... for the real thing.

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1 What's the first move you'd like to see the Ricketts family make with Wrigley and the Cubs?

Sell them to Bill Murray.

Getting rid of the trough in the Wrigley bathroom. Guess what—it's NOT for drinking.

Pay for corrective surgery to remove Lou Piniella's foot from Milton Bradley's [redacted].

More night games, eliminate clueless fans, bring a World Series to the North Side. Too much to ask?

Give naming rights to a random fan. Perhaps one whose name already rhymes with Wrigley. Hint, hint.

2 Ted Lilly talking about the Cubs being in the World Series is like ...

... a fish talking about being out of the water.

... saying "G.I. Joe" is an early Oscar contender.

... Jimmy talking about hooking up with Heather Graham.

... the captain of the Titanic saying the ship is sailing smoothly.

... music to my ears. The players gotta believe they can do it.

3 Kerry Wood is back in town to play the Sox on Tuesday. How will this visit go for him?

Somehow, he will blow four saves in three games.

He'll make it without blowing a save or injuring himself ... right when his goatee spontaneously combusts.

Here's hoping he gets bent by Beckham.

Same as usual. "You can put it on the board, YES!" That's why the Cubs got rid of him.

Sox fans give him the same ovation as Cub fans ... when he blows another save.

4 How would you go about selecting players for All-Star games?

Managers pick. No stupid fan voting, no rule that each team must be represented.

Take everyone's blood or urine samples. The first samples to walk or talk—they're in.

They'd have to pass screenings for injection marks, PED use and Washington Nationals affiliation.

Rock, paper, scissors. Works all the time ... try it out.

Rank 'em by hotness of wives. Scotty Pods, come on down!

5 How are you preparing for NASCAR's arrival in Chicagoland?

To avoid it I'm moving to Mississippi.

I'm taking a NASCAR fan tooth shopping.

By making sure the pit stains on my game-day shirt are properly yellowed.

Urge Mayor Daley to fill all the potholes and eliminate rush-hour traffic.

Only making left turns on my commute. I ended up in Lake Michigan.

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Derrek Lee rounds the bases after hitting a home run Monday. AP

CUBS 4, ATLANTA 2 Fuld out of the fold

The Cubs optioned Sam Fuld and Kevin Hart to Triple-A Iowa and placed David Patton on the disabled list with a groin strain to clear three roster spots for Aramis Ramirez, Reed Johnson and Angel Guzman. The Cubs also traded utilityman Ryan Freel to the Kansas City Royals for a player to be named.

Beckham gets to third

The White Sox's Gordon Beckham felt some soreness after getting run over Saturday by Kansas City's Mitch Maier.

But Beckham didn't get confused in judging Willie Bloomquist's grounder—a sign that he is getting more accustomed to playing third base after spending nearly his entire baseball career as a shortstop.

"I'm definitely getting better reads off the bat," said Beckham, adding that he has learned to stay in one spot on certain grounders.

Blackhawks sign 5

The Blackhawks announced Monday that the team had signed five of its free agents: right wing Troy Brouwer, goaltender Corey Crawford, left wing Ben Eager, center Colin Fraser and defenseman Aaron Johnson.



Seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong rides in the pack Monday with teammates. GETTY IMAGES

Lance makes a move

Lance Armstrong jumped from 10th to third place at the Tour de France on Monday, positioning himself for a shot at the yellow jersey after evading trouble on a windy ride along the Mediterranean.

Britain's Mark Cavendish won his second straight stage. He, Armstrong and overall leader Fabian Cancellara of Switzerland kept up with a breakaway group that bolted from the pack with 18 miles left in the 122-mile third stage.

Armstrong is 40 seconds behind.

The race is set for a shakeout featuring Cancellara, Armstrong and Germany's Tony Martin in Tuesday's team time trial. If Astana wins, Armstrong could take the yellow jersey.

The 29-man breakaway, including Armstrong and Cancellara, used the gusty conditions to their advantage

FINE TIME

The Tour said Lance Armstrong will be fined the equivalent of \$92 for failing to sign in before Monday's stage. His Astana team said the Texan was delayed because of autographs and interviews.

in a tactic known as "bordure," which can help breakaway groups gain time on the main pack. Alberto Contador and other favorites were caught off-guard.

"We knew the wind was going to be a factor," said Armstrong, noting team Columbia's move. "When you see a team at the front like that, you have to pay attention."

Armstrong said it was "not my objective" to gain ground on Contador, insisting he was "just trying to stay up front and out of trouble. ... I turned around and was surprised there was a split."

Contador dropped to fourth from second and is 59 seconds back from Cancellara. Fellow Astana rider Levi Leipheimer slipped to 10th from sixth and is 1:11 behind.

80,000: Number of Real Madrid fans who welcomed Cristiano Ronaldo to the team at Santiago Bernabeu on Monday.

» Reigning NBA scoring champion Dwyane Wade (left), who can opt out of his Heat deal after the coming season, said Monday that getting to the playoffs "is not enough" to satisfy him.

» NASCAR asked a federal judge Monday to reverse the ruling that lifted driver Jeremy Mayfield's indefinite suspension for failing a random drug test.

» Sky at Sacramento, 9 p.m. Tuesday » F1 boss Bernie Ecclestone dismissed calls for his resignation in the wake of his praise for Hitler.



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Splash dance



Dogs, kayaks and jet skis—oh my! It takes three to tango at Montrose Beach

By Matt McGuire

Jennifer Douglas' life was so much simpler last summer.

Yes, now she's 21 and last summer she was 20, and life can get so much more complex after that landmark birthday. But it's more than that. Now Douglas needs to think about splashing dogs and waves and jet skis.

After five years of protecting regular ol' swimmers at several Northwest Side swimming pools, Douglas is finally in the big leagues, landing a guard post at Montrose Beach, which has separate beaches for dogs, swimmers and recreational watercraft rentals. (Officially, Chicago Park District is not responsible for people who rent kayaks and jet skis from privately operated companies at the beach, but if someone were in distress, the lifeguards would try to help them, Douglas says.)

"Guarding the beach is a lot different," Douglas says. "There's all that open water and a ton more people."

We asked Douglas about her new gig.

You previously lifeguarded at a pool in the same neighborhood—Portage Park—in which you grew up. Did a lot of your childhood friends come in and give you a hard time?

No, not at all. When my friends visit the pool, they're the best patrons because I make sure they're in line.

We must have different types of friends. Did you rule with an iron fist?

Oh, sure. Actually, I'm pretty easy-going, but I am right in line with the rules.

What's the Montrose crowd like?

There's a lot of different people. ... Part of our beach is a dog beach, so there are the dog lovers. We also rent out [jet skis] and some small boats, so we have some adventurous people too.

Have you ever had to rescue a dog?

I haven't. We joke about that a lot,

but it hasn't happened yet. I'm a dog lover, so if one got in trouble, I'd be right out there helping it.

What about people?

Not yet. The biggest thing I've had to do is put a Band-Aid on a girl's finger, but that's the least of my worries. We're more about preventing injuries.

Sounds like a pretty slow summer. I bet all this cold weather hasn't helped. What have you been doing to keep yourself busy?

The majority of the time, the lifeguards are working out. I'm also in charge of the junior lifeguard program, which is a day camp for 8- to 18- year-olds. We're doing workouts, rowing and volleyball.

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LIFEGUARD VITALS

Name: Jennifer Douglas, 21

Beach: Montrose Beach, 4400 N. Lake Shore Drive, from Montrose to Wilson Avenues

Title: Lifeguard captain

Experience: Five summers at Chicago Park District pools, including pools at Portage Park, Jefferson Park and Smith Park

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best bets

By Rebecca Palmore
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Michael Jackson tribute

Blue Line Lounge
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Ave. 773-395-3700.

Sing along to Jackson songs and watch TV coverage from the morning's memorial service in L.A. while sipping \$2 select beers and \$5 themed cocktails, such as the Michael martini and Michael mojito. 5 p.m. No cover.

Chicago Pink Slip

English, 444 N. La Salle St.
312-222-6200.

The second installment of a new networking party gives freshly unemployed locals a chance to mingle with recruiters, entrepreneurs and other business pros. Includes cocktails and appetizers. 6 p.m. \$25-\$35.

Sake 101

Murasaki Lounge,
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The Bluebird, 1749 N. Damen Ave.
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Warehouse 13
8 p.m. Tuesday, Syfy

Syfy launches its new brand with this amusing, if not too original, series about a pair of Secret Service agents reassigned to a top-secret facility that houses strange artifacts. Eddie McClintock and Joanne Kelly play the bickering feds who investigate supernatural goings-on caused by objects that they track down to store in Warehouse 13. If this sounds like a rejected script from "The X-Files," it kind of plays that way too. But McClintock has some spark, and Saul Rubinek, as the facility's oddball curator, shines. I'm hoping it improves. **CURT WAGNER, REDEYE**

**show patrol****CURT WAGNER**
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After Tuesday, you won't find the Sci Fi channel on TV anymore. You won't find **scifi.com** on the Web, either.

Sci Fi morphs into Syfy, both on air and online. The network that brought us "Battlestar Galactica" and the "Stargate" series is adopting the new name because, according to Sci Fi president Dave Howe, the network wanted to brand all its products, from video games to DVDs to Webisodes and onward, with a name it could own and trademark.

Sci Fi, being a generic term that applies to a genre of film, books, TV series and other forms of media, could not be trademarked.

"You can't have a brand called 'Sport' or 'Drama' or 'News,'" Howe told the Tribune's Watcher columnist Maureen Ryan. "It's just not a brand name."

Howe also hopes to change people's perceptions of the network and its Web site with the rebranding, telling Ryan that "sci fi" conjures up "space, aliens and the future." The network, he said, offers up much more than that, citing the reality shows "Ghost Hunters" and "Destination Truth" as examples.

But sci-fi fans shouldn't fear that Syfy will abandon the genre, Howe said. That doesn't seem likely with Tuesday's launch of the new series "Warehouse 13," and Friday's return of the popular "Eureka," as well as the upcoming "Galactica" prequel "Caprica" and the latest "Stargate" saga, "Stargate Universe."

» For more on Syfy and other TV, go to redyechicago.com/showpatrol

**ALBUM**
Civilized
stellastarr*

After taking a dramatic turn with its "Harmonies for the Haunted" album, stellastarr* has returned to quirky, catchy, new-new wave. Teaming again with the great Tim O'Heir, who produced the band's impressive debut, stellastarr* has recaptured the element of surprise on "Civilized," bouncing from the anthem-like "Tokyo Sky" to the delightfully unhinged "Prom Zombie" and, more important, its raw spirit of fun. **GLENN GAMBOA, NEWSDAY**

**DVD**
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\$26.99 for DVD; Blu-ray \$34.99

In this sci-fi thriller, Nicolas Cage plays a college professor who opens a time capsule that has been dug up at his young son's school. Among the contents of the capsule are predictions of catastrophes. Can Cage prevent these disasters by pulling together the clues? Two featurette extras are included: "The Making of a Futuristic Thriller" and "Visions of the Apocalypse." **JIM CARNES, THE SACRAMENTO BEE**

**Shaw**
ABC FAMILY**TV**
10 Things I Hate About You
7 p.m. Tuesday, ABC Family

This risky update of the popular 1999 film that made Heath Ledger a star works for the most part thanks to a stellar cast. Lindsey Shaw, as the tough-talking, status-hating Kat Stratford, steals the show about a pair of sisters navigating life in a new high school. Ethan Peck takes on the Ledger character, brooding rebel Patrick Verona.

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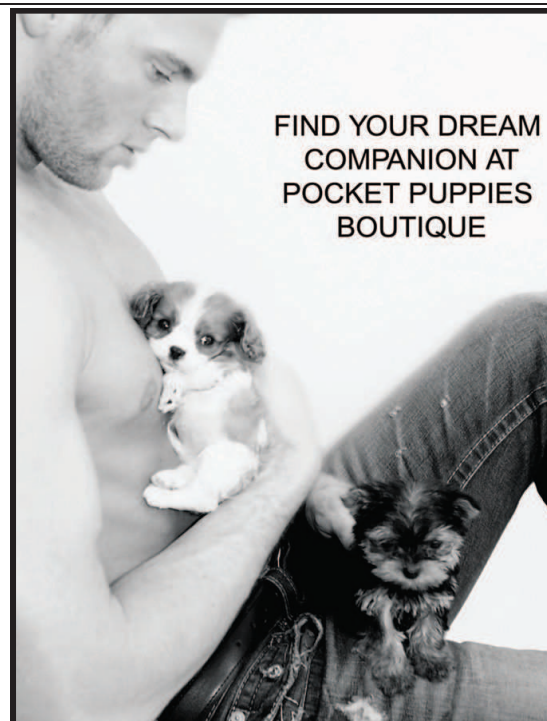
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- 10 Dry
- 14 Large cat
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- 17 Privy to
- 18 Change
- 19 Adventure story
- 20 Flower beds
- 22 Repeated by hearsay
- 24 Pub order
- 25 Gantry or Fudd
- 26 Tail stealthily
- 29 Take a 747
- 30 Monastery superior
- 34 Pea holders
- 35 Undergarment
- 36 Take out a policy on
- 37 Pie __ mode
- 38 Furnaces
- 40 Narrow river inlet
- 41 Rue
- 43 Officeholders
- 44 Famous cookie maker
- 45 Male bovine
- 46 Collection of animals
- 47 Piece of heavy machinery
- 48 Dope
- 50 Actor Hunter
- 51 Ladled
- 54 Foreigner's opposite
- 58 Journey
- 59 Made public
- 61 Caesar's robe
- 62 Laila & her dad
- 63 Small state
- 64 Sonny Shroyer series
- 65 Baseball's Pete
- 66 Highlanders
- 67 Nap

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- 2 Large moth
- 3 Love, in Spain
- 4 Open shoes
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A Michael Jackson fan signs a board in tribute to the King of Pop on Monday outside the Staples Center. GETTY IMAGES

All-star send-off

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The stage was set Monday for Michael Jackson's final act as the world capital of make-believe braced for what could be the biggest, most spectacular celebrity send-off of all time.

Ecstatic fans who won the lottery for seats at Tuesday's all-star memorial received the tickets and spangly wristbands that will get them into the 20,000-seat Staples Center downtown. Jackson's family announced the participants will include Stevie Wonder, Mariah Carey, Usher, Lionel Richie, Kobe Bryant, Jennifer Hudson, John Mayer and Martin Luther King III.

More than 1.6 million people registered for free tickets to the memorial, which will be broadcast

CONTINUING COVERAGE

Can't be in L.A. to pay tribute to Michael Jackson? RedEye's got the next best thing. Share your thoughts, videos, photos and memories in our live chat room during the memorial Tuesday at redeyechicago.com/mj.

live at noon Central time worldwide. A total of 8,750 people were chosen to receive two tickets each. The lucky ones picked up their passes Monday at Dodger Stadium amid heavy police presence.

British Airways reported a surge of bookings as soon as the memorial arrangements were announced. Virgin's trans-Atlantic flights to San Francisco, Las Vegas and L.A. were all packed with fans and VIPs, spokesman Paul Charles said.

"I think this is America's version of Princess Diana. People want to be in the vicinity. People from the UK and elsewhere want to share their emotions together," Charles said.

About 50 theaters across the country, from L.A. to Topeka, Kan., to Washington, D.C., were planning to broadcast the memorial live, said Cinedigm Digital Cinema Corp. spokeswoman Suzanne Moore. The company said theaters in Illinois were equipped to offer the broadcast, but there were no details immediately available about Chicago locations.

On eBay, bids for tickets to the memorial were reaching as high as \$3,000, though it was impossible to establish how serious those offers were. On Craigslist, asking prices also were in the thousands.

Jackson's family was expected to hold a private funeral at some point at Forest Lawn Cemetery in L.A. No public funeral procession through city streets was scheduled, and it was not known whether Jackson's body would be at the Staples Center memorial.

IN OTHER JACKSON NEWS MONDAY

Estate battle

In Los Angeles Superior Court, a judge appointed Jackson's longtime attorney and a family friend as administrators of his estate over the objections of his mother, Katherine. Attorney John Branca and music executive John McClain had been designated in Jackson's 2002 will as the people he wanted to oversee his empire.

Rowe reversal

Debbie Rowe, Jackson's ex-wife and the mother of Jackson's two oldest children, had planned to attend the memorial but backed out.

Backlash on YouTube

In New York, Republican Rep. Peter King released a YouTube video calling Jackson, who was acquitted of child molestation charges, a "pervert" and a "low-life."

Twitter memorial

We asked our Twitter followers the following question: If you could go to Michael Jackson's memorial, how would you mark the day? Here are some of the responses. Follow RedEye on Twitter at [@redeyechicago](https://twitter.com/redeyechicago) and on Facebook at facebook.com/redeye-chicago. COMPILED BY SCOTT KLEINBERG.

@jrrtubbs I probably wouldn't do things much different. I'd listen to "Man in the Mirror" in repeat and sob. BUT I'D BE IN L.A.!

@krazyana I'd fly down there today, buy a Michael Jackson outfit, and spend the night out there blaring MJ from my iPhone until it died

@frances_t Tattoo. I swore I would never get one, but something so special and meaningful deserves a permanent reminder.

@olivao87 If I'd been able to head out to the MJ memorial, I'd moonwalk all the way up there, grab my crotch, rip my shirt and yell

@BVAX If i got a chance to view the body i would moonwalk past it while viewing.

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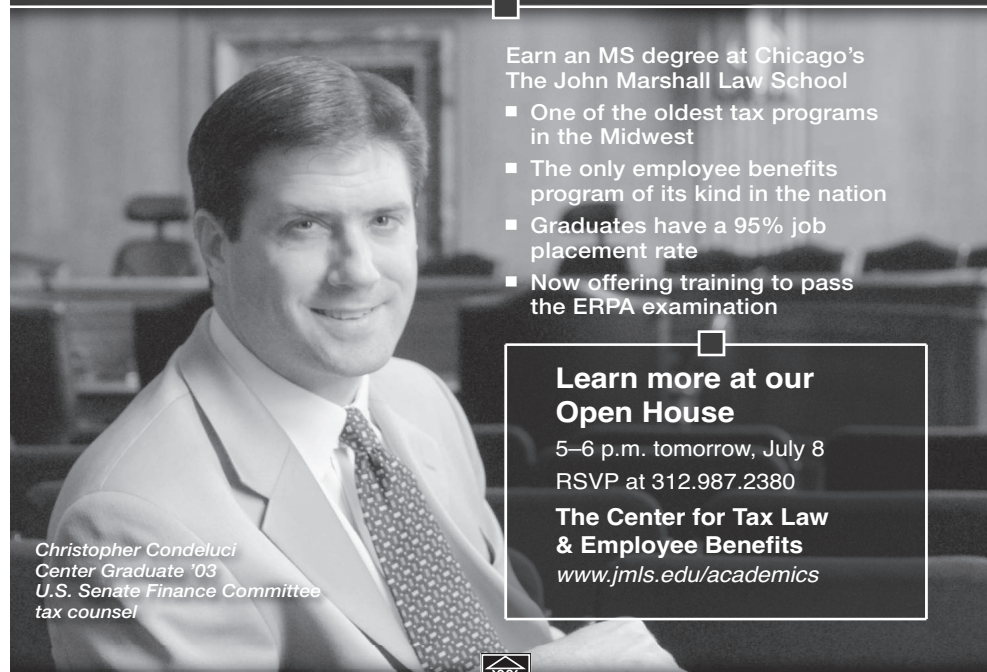
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"Prison Break's" Miller beat out Christian Bale, Josh Holloway of "Lost" and Paul Newman for the title.



Miller
AP FILE

Name of the game

It's Modi, Kalpen Modi. That's the name Kal Penn says he's going by while working for the Obama administration. The "House" and "Harold & Kumar" actor started his new job Monday as a liaison between the White House and Asian communities, The Associated Press reports. As Modi tells it, it's just another gig: "I expect to be treated just like any other staff member," he told reporters on a conference call.



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July 16

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Michaels

Bad luck Bret

That Bret Michaels is a pretty unlucky guy. First he gets clocked in the face by falling scenery at last month's Tony Awards. Now the "Rock of Love" star was involved in a highway accident after a car lost

control and hit his tour bus in Canada over the 4th of July weekend, people.com reports. No injuries were reported.



DioGuardi
and Abdul

Women's world

Big news for the female judges of "American Idol." First up: Kara DioGuardi. Her rep has confirmed to The Associated Press that DioGuardi married her beau, contractor Mike McCuddy, on Sunday in Maine. Meanwhile, Paula Abdul told the AP she's been invited to remain on the show, saying she's optimistic about contract negotiations.

'Revenge' is sweet—again

The dust has settled on a knock-down, drag-out battle for box-office supremacy over the lucrative 4th of July weekend, and "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" officially has retained its hold on No. 1 with \$42.4 million. On Sunday, it was tied with "Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs" in preliminary estimates.



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